UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Disease of the cocoanut trees.

1. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government Agricultural Experts have discovered any effective remedy to ward off the disease of the cocoanut trees ;

(*b*) whether the cocoanut disease is spreading fast in the taluks of Karunagapally, Karthikapally and Mavelikara ; and

(*c*) whether they have done anything to cure the malady ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) No effective remedy to ward off the disease of the cocoanut trees has been discovered so far.

(*b*) The cocoanut disease has been existing in the tracts referred to for the past forty years and has been spreading there.

(*c*) The etiology of the disease has been found out and investigations are in progress with the assistance of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, to discover an effective remedy. The Department is, however, now persuading ryots to adopt regular cultivation and judicious manuring for keeping the disease under control.

Commissioners appointed in the Principal Munsiff's Court, Kottayam.

2. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR :** Will the Government be pleased :

(*a*) to lay on the table a caste-war list of the Commissioners who were appointed in the Principal Munsiff's Court, Kottayam after the present Principal Munsiff took charge ; and

(*b*) to state whether there is any rule as to who should be chosen as the commissioner, about his qualification, communal classi fication &c. ?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*) : (*a*) Since the present Munsiff took charge, Commission orders have been issued to 38 persons, of whom 18 are Nairs, 15 Christians and 5 Brahmins.

(*b*) The member is referred to Rule 725 of the Civil Courts' Guide.

Roads in the taluks of Karthikapally, Mavelikara and Kunnattur.

3. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the cartable roads, the length of the non-cartable roads, the length of the roads maintained by Government, and the length of the roads not maintained by the Government P.W. D., in the Taluks of Karthikapally, Mavelikara and Kunnattur ;

(*b*) the number of the bridges and culverts for which applications were received as yet by the Government and the locations of them in the above taluks ;

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(*c*) the number of bridges and culverts sanctioned by the Government ;

(*d*) the number of them of which the work is commenced, but not yet finished ; and

(*e*) the number of them of which the work is not commenced after the Government sanction ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : A statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

Commercial transactions of the Ceramic Factory.

4. **MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name and designation of the officer who is in charge of the commercial dealings of the Ceramic Factory at Kundara ;

(*b*) whether the present Ceramic Expert has any experience in managing a factory in any part of India before his appointment in Travancore; and

(*c*) whether the Government has any control over the commercial transactions entered on behalf of the Ceramic Factory ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) Sardar Dogar Singh, Ceramic Expert.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

Recruitment of Petty Officers in the Excise Department.

5. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Petty Officers recruited till now, in the Excise Department since the Public Service Recruitment Rules came into operation and of these, the number recruited as per the advice of the Public Service Commissioner ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR :

1. Number of Petty Officers recruited in the Excise Department since the Public Service Recruitment Rules came into force 43
2. Number recruited as per the advice of the Public Service Commissioner 36

Encroachment on the poramboke pathway in Agastisvaram taluk.

6. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they received a petition in Kumbhom 1115 from Mayaperumal Nadar and others of Poomattianvilla, Neendakara (B) pakuthi, Agastisvaram taluk, that the poramboke pathway that passes through the survey numbers 14064, 14066 and 14102 in Neendakara B pakuthi, is encroached by owners of properties on either side of the pathway ;

(*b*) the total area encroached ; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon ?

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Appendix A.

Vide **Answer to Unstarred Question No. 3.**

Statement re : roads in the taluks of Mavelikara, Kunnathur and Karthikapally (*Vide* interpellation No. 145.)

Taluks.	a				b	c	d	e
	Cart roads miles.	Non-cart roads miles.	Length of roads maintained.	Length of roads not maintained Ryots roads.	No. of bridges and culverts applied for with location.	No. of bridges and culverts sanctioned.	No. of which works commenced but not finished.	No. of which work not commenced after Government sanction.
Karthikapally	28 1/8	24 3/4	52 7/8	5 1/8	Nos. 14. 1. 9th mile bridge Mavelikara Thrikunnapuzha road. 2. Foot bridge at Danapadical canal where it crosses the Yarukavu village road. 3. Mundupalam in 2/4 Muttam Kayankulam road. 4. Culverts and Causeways Nos 8 on the village road from Haripad to Anjilmoottil kadavu. 5. Culverts Nos. 3 on the village road from Pandarathil mukku to Arayakulangarakadavu. Estimate under preparation.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Mavelikara	92	45 3/8	137 3/8	Nil.	No. 4. 6. Prayikara bridge. 7. Kollakadavu bridge. 8. 2nd mile bridge Thonnallur Athikattukulangara road. 9. 1st mile culvert do. do.	1 Prayikara bridge 1st mile Mavelikara-Thiruvalla road.	1 Prayikara bridge. Lands acquired Work not started.	Nil.
Kunnathur	105 1/4	36	141 1/4	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.